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## *House of Representatives*

THE HONORABLE DARRELL ISSA

### Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009*

*Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Merchant Mariners who served during World War II. Tasked with delivering troops, tanks, food, airplanes, fuel and other supplies to war theaters, Merchant Mariners suffered the highest casualty rate of any of the branch of the service. Their bravery for our country deserves recognition.*

*I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 23, the "Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009." This legislation will provide certain honorably discharged U.S. Merchant Marine veterans with a monthly \$1,000 benefit.*

*With each passing year, there are fewer surviving Merchant Marine veterans. I urge my colleagues in the House and the Senate to join me in supporting H.R. 23 to give these veterans their recognition.*